Rapid Transit System between Beach and Luz in Madras. In so far as Delhi is concerned, a Techno-Economic Feasibility Report for a metropolitan model mass rapid transit system has been prepared by M/s RITES.

Apart from this, the State Governments have prepared or have taken up the work of preparing Techno-Economic Feasibility Report for the introduction of Mass Rapid Transit Systems in Madras (inner circular corridor), Bombay (strengthening of the multi-model urban transport network) and Calcutta (extension of Metro line to Garia), and for introduction of Light Rail Transport System in Hyderabad. Studies have also been taken up by the respective State Governments for improving the existing transportation systems in the cities of Ahmedabad, Jaipur and Bangalore.

During the year 1990-91, a sum of Rs. 100 crores was spent on the construction of Calcutta Metro and a sum of Rs. 10 crores for the construction of Madras Mass Rapid Transit Project.

The expenditure incurred on Operation and Maintenance of the completed portion of the Calcutta Metro System during the same year (1990-91) was Rs. 8.74 crores.

Starvation deaths in Tripura

*119. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the starvation deaths in the rural and hilly interiors of Tripura due to severe food crisis in February, 1991; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what measures have been taken by Government to meet the famine situation in the State of Tripura?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR):

(a) No starvation deaths took place anywhere in Tripura in February, 1991.

(b) Does not arise.

New National Wage Policy

*120. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE;
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to evolve a new National Wage Policy;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Development of water resources in Tamil Nadu

408. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of projects for development of water resources in Tamil Nadu severely affected due to Inter-State Water disputes; and

(b) the irrigation and hydro electric potential of these projects, project-wise?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI V. C. SHUKLA): (a) and (b) A statement indicating the names of projects and their irrigation and hydro electric potential is attached.

Statement

List of projects for development of water resources in Tamil Nadu affcted due to Inter-State water disputes with their irrigation and hydro-electric potential.

S. No.	Name of Project	Potential
		(figures in 000h a.)
A.	I *Major Projects*	
1	Modernisation of Cauvery D lta Phase-I . .	70
II	*Medium P rojects*	
1	Sidhamlai Reservoir .	2.01
2	Vattamali Kovaidudai .	2.40
3	Ku ihiroyar Reservoir Scheme	2.54
4	Orthypallayan Reservoir Scheme	4.20
5	Noyyal Reservoir Scheme	3.90
6	Reconstrution of Kodaganar Reservoir Scheme .	3.64
7	Thoppiayar Reservoir Scheme	4.31
		(figures in Mega Watt)
B.	*Hydro-electric Project*	
1	Nellithorei . . .	50
2	Pandayar Pannapuzha . .	100
3	Cholatipuzha . . .	60
4	Shanmukhanadi . .	30
5	Upper Amravathi . .	30
6	Bhavani Kattlai . .	90

Construction of overbridges of Madras Central Railway Station

409. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount sanctioned for constructing foot overbridges at Madras Central Railway Station;

(b) the amount out of it spent so far for this project; and

(c) by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Rs. 27,82,500.00

(b) Nil.

(c) The work will be completed along with the other works pertaining to Model Station at Madras Central by end of 1992-93, subject to the availibility of funds.

Shortage of edible oils

410. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is acute shortage of edible oils in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that prices of varius kindis of edible oils have gone up;

(c) if so the reasons therefor;

(d) what fiscal incentives Government propose to offer to oilseeds growers;

(e) whether Government propose to import edible oils to ease the situation, if so, the names of the countries of import; and

(f) by when such import is likely to arrive?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) There is a shortage of edible oils in the country since there is a gap between the indigenous production of edible oils and total demand.

(b) Yes, Sir.